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March 5, 1914, Temperature 6 a.m. 66. 2 p.m. 77
Humidity 97, 72

WEATHER FORECAST

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Barometer 29.79

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TELEGRAMS.

IRISH QUESTION. ELECTION IN JUNE?

[Reuter's Service To The "Telegraph,"]

London, Received March 4.
The view taken in the Lobbies concerning Mr. Asquith's proposed statement is that there will be a dissolution by June at the latest.

It is authoritatively stated in the Lobby that Mr. Asquith's statement will be sweeping, and will involve extensive administrative control of Ulster through its elected members, with the option of withdrawal from the rest of Ireland at the end of a certain period.

The Lobbyists of both Parties indicate that the Opposition are not disposed to accept the Government proposals unless they are based upon the exclusion of Ulster.

Plain Words.

The *Daily News*, in an editorial under the heading, "King and Country," stated that they only needed the new league launched by Lord Milner to reveal the true character of the conspiracy which was confronting the country. It would be a mistake to any longer ignore the more sinister aspect of that conspiracy. Appeals to the King to intervene had been revived with great emphasis during the past few weeks, and there was a widespread belief, which they shared, that those appeals had not been revived in vain. The editorial concluded by expressing its confidence in the King not to follow in the footsteps of "such blunderers" as George III. and William IV.

The Manifesto.

Mr. Walter Long, in a long letter to the Press, appeals for support to the manifesto of protest.

The names of further influential signatories to the manifesto have been published.

Ulster Officer Injured.

Colonel Hackett Pain, Chief of Staff of the Ulster Volunteers, was thrown from his horse while inspecting the Donegal Regiment. He was killed in the face and was seriously injured.

A Forecast.

London, Received March 5.

The *Westminster Gazette* gives prominence to a forecast of Mr. Asquith's concessions. It says that the Nationalists are prepared to accept a provisional arrangement giving the Orange counties temporary option, but they will not, however, accept the permanent dismemberment of Ireland. The journal emphasises that the Liberals will not yield to threats. The Bill will be passed whether the concessions are accepted or not. It predicts that the concessions will be so generous that it will be impossible for the Opposition to advise a policy of resistance.

PERSIAN AFFAIRS.

London, Received March 5.

Reuter's correspondent at Buhire states that the Gendarmier is reoccupied Azarun, and it is reported that the tribesmen are fleeing.

A CARDINAL'S DEATH.

London, Received March 4.

The death is announced of Cardinal Kopp.

TELEGRAMS.

DAVIS CUP.

INTERESTING DRAWS.

[Reuter's Service To The "Telegraph,"]

London, Received March 4.
Reuter's New York correspondent states that in the draw for the Davis Lawn Tennis Cup, Germany and France have secured byes, Australia meets Canada, and Great Britain will oppose Belgium in the first round. Germany will meet the winner of the former and France will oppose the winner of the latter event.

NAVAL SCANDALS.

JAPANESE COMMANDER ARRESTED.

London, Received March 4.

Reuter's Tokyo correspondent says Commander Suzuki, chief instructor of Ordnance at the Naval College, has been dismissed from the service and placed under arrest in connection with the naval scandals.

AMERICAN NEWS.

Interesting Items from the Latest Mails.

It is reported from Washington that plans are under way in the House of Representatives for an increase in the second-class postage rates. It appears that the subject has been taken up at various times by Postmasters General and Congressional Committees, and the House Committee on Post Offices was to hear all interested parties on February 9, with a view to gaining light on legislation contemplated to produce more revenue from the great bulk of second-class mail matter.

The Drug Habit.

The Senate Committee on Public Health has under consideration a Bill to provide for federal supervision of the interstate sale of all habit-forming drugs. The Bill lays down that records of the sale of cocaine, morphine and heroin shall be kept by the State Department of Health, and with this end in view it is suggested that official prescription blanks be issued to druggists and physicians.

Fattening Fowl by Machinery.

Interesting experiments which have been carried out for more than two years by the Department of Agriculture at Washington have proved that mechanical labour-saving devices reduce the cost of fattening poultry for market, both in the amount of labour and the proportion of skilled labour required. By the employment of devices tested, one man has been able to look after four to five thousand birds. Especially recommended for use is a new portable "feeding battery," which has shown excellent use.

Old Fighting Vessel.

The Navy League of the United States has issued a statement to the effect that the Potomac River is the most appropriate place in the country for the historic ship *Constellation*, which was one of the first ships of the American Navy. The vessel is now at the naval training station at Newport. The Navy Department has long advocated the bringing of the famous old vessel to Washington in order that it might be made accessible to tourists from all parts of the States.

Memorial To William Penn.

A movement is on foot in Washington to erect a memorial to William Penn, the suggestion being to erect a bridge across the Delaware River at Philadelphia, connecting that city with Camden.

TELEGRAMS.

THE DERBY.

TETRARCH THE FAVOURITE.

[Reuter's Service To The "Telegraph,"]

London, Received March 5.
Betting on the Derby shows that Tetrarch is the favourite at 4 to 1.

Cabinet Confers.

A full meeting of the Cabinet has deliberated on the Irish position.

TERRIBLE HURRICANES.

ISLANDS DEVASTATED.

London, Received March 4.

Reuter's correspondent at Sydney says the worst hurricane which has been experienced for fifty years has devastated the Cook Islands and Aitutaki, one of the Hervey Islands. A huge wave swept over Mauki, destroying a whole village. The condition of the inhabitants is pitiable.

It is pointed out that such a bridge would be as useful as a fitting memorial to a great man, and already those who have the movement on hand have prepared plans for the structure. It is suggested that the Federal Government should take the matter in hand.

A Chinese Mutiny.

Sixteen of a crew of thirty-five Chinese from the British freight vessel *Madawaska* have been detained at Ellis Island on a charge of mutiny. It appears that the arrest of the Chinese who were employed on the boat as stewards, cooks and seamen, followed a difference on political matters between them, one faction favouring a Monarchy in China and the other a Republican form of Government. Fighting resulted from the arguments, and the captain deemed it best to remove the men from the ship. They are to be sent back to England for trial.

Cooking By Sun's Rays.

The Franklin Institute at Philadelphia has been experimenting with parabolic reflectors as a medium for the cooking of food. It is stated that by this means the housewife could in a few hours heat several gallons of water for culinary purposes and could even cook an omelet provided a properly shaped utensil were used. It is explained that the parabolic reflector, by virtue of its shape, focuses the sun's rays at points equidistant from its sides. A "burning" pipe is placed horizontally in such a position as to absorb the reflected rays. Water passed through the "burning" pipe can be heated to the boiling point and used for cooking purposes. In place of the "burning" pipe a properly shaped utensil were employed it could be utilized for cooking.

THE MARLBOROUGHS

Will They soon be Reunited.

A special cable dispatch from London to an American paper says: "Friends of the Duke of Marlborough say the Duke will join the Duchess somewhere on the Continent early this month, and that the long separated pair will come to London to live, at any rate, under the same roof. That this badly assorted couple will ever live really happily together is doubted by the friends on both sides, but it is believed that the strenuous efforts made at Court, and especially by Queen Mary, will be rewarded."

TELEGRAMS.

THE BENTON AFFAIR.

AMERICAN FEELING.

[Reuter's Service To The "Telegraph,"]

London, Received March 4.
Reuter's Washington correspondent says Sir Edward Grey's statement, which President Wilson read at the meeting of the Cabinet, has relieved the anxiety which was felt regarding the possibility of Great Britain bringing extreme pressure to bear upon the United States with view to drastic action in regard to the Benton affair.

THE MEAT STRIKE.

RESUMING ON OLD TERMS.

London, Received March 5.

Reuter's correspondent at Sydney states that in view of the firm attitude of the Government, the meat strikers are resuming on the old conditions.

The Queen has gone out of her way for several months to pay marked attention to the Duchess. Her Majesty has pointed out that the position of the boys, young Lord Blandford and Lord Ivor Spencer Churchill, will become more and more painful as they grow older.

But a far more powerful incentive has proved to be the anxiety of the Duke to shine in politics. His great ambition is to be included in the next Conservative Cabinet, and it is almost essential that his private life should be exempt from all gossip. The Duke will never be popular with "the crowd," owing to his cold personality and his unfortunate sneering expression, but in recent years he has taken a serious interest in politics, and more particularly the land question, on which he can speak and write brilliantly. His sons are more devoted to their mother than to their father, but it is very awkward for them to have to visit their parents in turn.

The Duke is anxious that his eldest son should become a statesman, and he writes almost daily to the boy on all subjects. The Duke, by the way, is a great friend of F. E. Smith, M. P., and the two have arranged to play a lawn tennis match for \$2,500 a side at Miss Marine Elliott's country house, where she has a winter court.

TAI ON PIRACY.

Correspondence with the Foreign Office.

The secretary of the Imperial Merchant Service Guild sends us the following:—

Arising out of the case of piracy on the British steamer "Tai On," where it may be remembered several persons were killed, the Captain, Officers, and Engineers made prisoners and robbed of everything they possessed, the Imperial Merchant Service Guild have been corresponding with the Foreign Office on this subject for some time past, and it is satisfactory to note that steps are being taken by the Chinese Government to suppress these attacks on vessels, as the following communication indicates:—

Foreign Office,
February 11th, 1914.

TELEGRAMS.

RUSSIAN TRADE.

FRESH RELATIONS WANTED.

[Reuter's Service To The "Telegraph,"]

London, Received March 5.
Reuter's correspondent at Kieff states that a congress of Russian exporters has passed a resolution urging that Russia should be liberated from economic dependence on Germany, and suggesting the development of commercial relations with Britain, Italy and other countries.

SHACKLETON EXPEDITION.

A GOVERNMENT GRANT.

London, Received March 5.

The Government is to make a grant of £10,000 to the Shackleton Expedition.

Gentlemen.—With reference to letter No. 52855/13 of the 26th of November last, from this Department relative to the attempted piracy on the Steamship "Tai On," I am directed by the Secretary Sir E. Grey to inform you that the Chinese Government were approached on the subject by His Majesty's Minister at Peking in December last.

Sir J. Jordan has now reported the receipt of a reply to the effect that telegraphic orders had been issued to the provincial authorities of Kuangsi and Kuangtung directing them to use the utmost vigilance in protecting the trade routes.

These instructions would seem to have had a beneficial effect, as the Commodore in command at Hongkong in his periodical report of the measures taken by His Majesty's Ships to protect vessels and patrol the trade routes, mentions that the local Chinese authorities appear "to be anxious to take all possible steps for the suppression of piracy and armed robbery." I am, Gentlemen, Your most obedient humble servant, (Signed) W. Langley.

A POOR JOKE.

White washing the Constable's Uniform.

A perverted sense of humour brought a youthful Chinese white rasher before Mr. Hazeland at the Police Court, this morning. The defendant was following his avocation when an Indian constable passed. With his brush well charged he "swished" the officer from behind and when the constable went to arrest him, decorated his tunic with similar treatment.

Defendant explained that the constable had been teasing a Hakka woman and when he remonstrated with him, threw a stone at him.

Mr. Hazeland characterised it as a poor sort of joke and fined the man \$15 and one month's hard labour.

GAMBLERS CAUGHT.

Suspicious of gambling led detectives under Det. Sergeant Wills, last evening to execute a warrant on a Chinese club at 237 Hollywood Road. On nearing the room in which were the suspected gamblers, the sergeant found the door fast closed against him. Repeated knocks on the door procured no answer and it was only by breaking open the sashole that the bolts were reached and the door opened.

TELEGRAMS.

WELLS BEATS BLAKE.

FOURTH ROUND KUOCKOUT.

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Bombardier Wells beat Bandman Blake in the fourth round of a contest for the heavyweight championship of Great Britain. In the first round both men manoeuvred warily and after some fighting Wells broke clear and made the bandman wince with a left and right. The second round was uneventful. In the third round a clinch was followed by two by Blake, but Wells had the best of matters getting good punches home. Blake went groggy, but rallied magnificently before the gong went. In the fourth round Wells broke away from a clinch and showered blows on Blake's head, finally sending the bandman to the mat.

Nine arrests were effected and this morning the men were charged with being in a common gaming house, and with obstructing the police in the execution of duty.

Mr. J. R. Wood at the Police Court remanded the prisoners in bail of \$20 each.

THE Y.M.C.A.

Annual Concert Preparations.

As announced last week the Annual Concert has been arranged for Saturday, March 21—says the Y.M.C.A. Bulletin.

"The programme gives every promise of being equally good if not better than those of former years. Lady May has kindly undertaken to provide the first part of the programme. The second half will be occupied by an entirely new aggregation which we believe will be in every way a worthy successor to our "Minstrel Troupe" of last year.

"The Merry-makers who are to occupy the platform for the second period are making their debut to a Hongkong audience. It may be their first and, (though we hope not) their last performance, but from what we have already seen in rehearsal we expect them to make a great hit. Further announcements as to their expectations will be made in later issues, but, in the meantime we would urge our members and friends to ensure hearing this production by securing seats at once.

"Tickets are \$3, \$2 and \$1. The plan is at Montre's."

THE SHAMEEN MURDER.

Appeal to Come Before Privy Council.

The appeal of Ibrahim, the native soldier, who was convicted of murder in the early part of last year, is down for hearing by the Privy Council this month. It will be remembered that Ibrahim was tried on a charge of having shot another native soldier on the Shameen. He was tried in Hongkong and the jury disagreed, Mr. F. O. Jenkin defending. In the re-trial, points as the jurisdiction of the Court were raised, in arrest of judgment, and the matter subsequently formed the subject of the appeal which is to be heard this month.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

TELEGRAMS.

CONDENSED.

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NEWS.

Log book appears on page 6 to-day and commercial news on pages 8 and 9.

General news appears on page 3 with an article on Chinese art in America.

A meeting of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. Ltd., was held to-day.

The case in which the Great Eastern Smelting and Refining Company of San Francisco, claims \$85,452 was continued in the Supreme Court to-day.

DO N'T FORGET.

TO-DAY.

Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.
Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

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Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.
Auction Chinese Porcelain—G. P. Lammett's Sale Room—2. 20 p.m.

Social Meeting Y. M. C. A. Saturday March 7.
Auction of Chinese Porcelain G. P. Lammett's Sale Room—2. 30 p.m.

Tuesday March 10.
Furniture Sale. Chatham Road—2. 45 p.m.

Wednesday March 11.
Annual General Meeting—Hongkong Gymkhana Club—5. 15 p.m.

Saturday March 14.
Devonian Society Annual Dinner at the Hongkong Hotel.
Royal Hongkong Yacht Club Annual Regatta.

Thursday March 19.
The China Fire Insurance Co. Ltd., Meeting of Shareholders—Noon.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co. Ltd., ordinary meeting of shareholders—12. 30 p.m.

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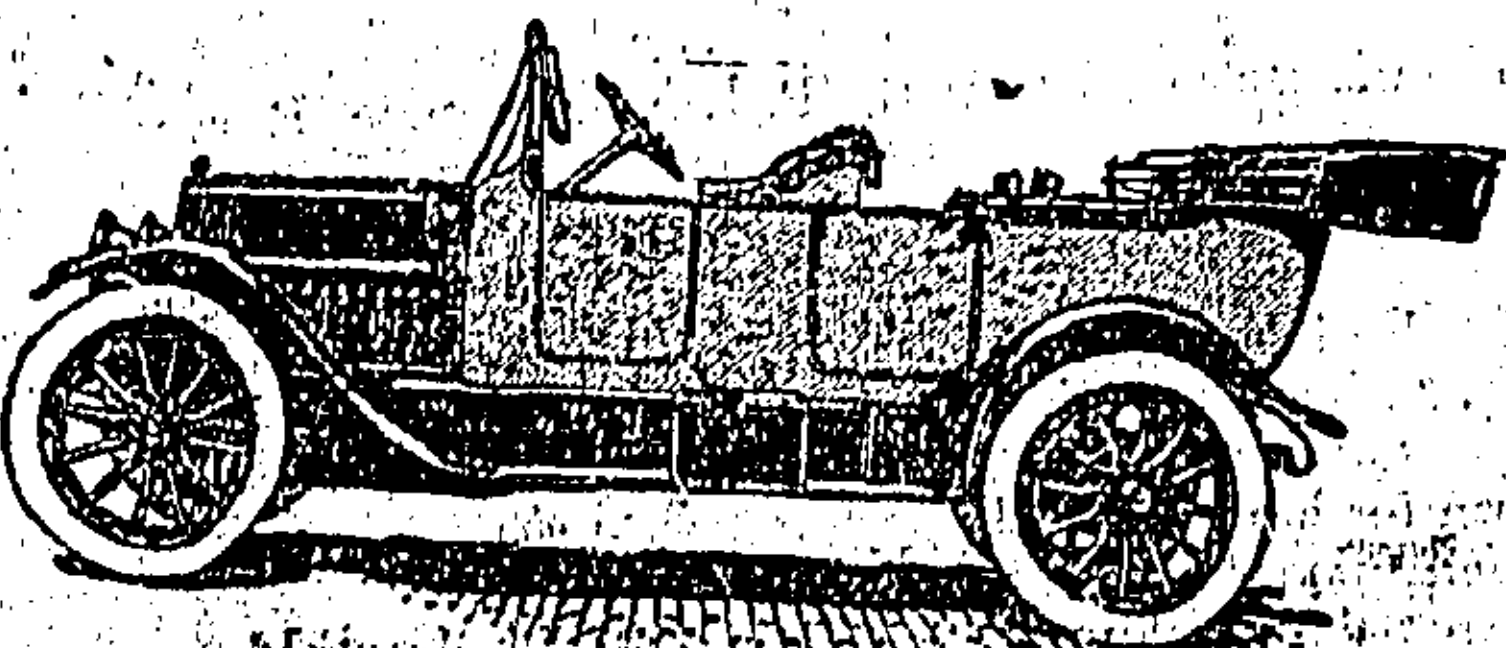
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sirable end by promulgating rules
"to do away with all corrupt
practices." The rules are ex-
cellent in their way but they do
not go far enough, and it would
be practical and to the point if,
in enforcing them, the Govern-
ment imposed deterring penalties
for all manner of squeeze and
bribery on the part of officials.
Only the exercise of most ri-
gorous measures can effectively
stamp out an iniquitous evil
which has been countenanced
throughout China for hundreds
of years and from which the old
officials surrounding the Dragon
throne were openly allowed to
amass enormous riches. Messrs.
E. Backhouse and J. O. P. Bland,
two well-known authorities on
Chinese affairs, have just pub-
lished the "Annals and Memoirs
of the Court of Peking" and one
palpable fact, inseparable from
any story of China which aims
at accuracy, stands out, namely,
that the Court which held sway
over China's millions had been
steeped for four centuries in a
refined process of bribery and
corruption.

Daily Press.

British Defensive Forces.

The nation has been told by
the Secretary of State for War
that in the opinion of the Govern-
ment and the Committee of Im-
perial Defence the danger of an
overwhelming invasion is not
one which there is any reason
to fear, and the Prime Minister
only last week emphasised the
point that an important sub-com-
mittee of the Defence Imperial
Committee was considering the
whole question and had practical-
ly come to an unanimous decision
which would show that the Navy
was as capable as ever it had
been for "protecting the country
from invasion. But if the
Government still considers it
"essential," as Lord Haldane
year ago said it did, to have for
Home defence a force of about
half a million composed prin-
cipally of Territorials, the present
position, as it is revealed by the
Army returns, is manifestly an
unsafe one. In the circumstances
the National Service League,
which has a very strong backing
already throughout the country,
is not likely to relax its efforts to
persuade Parliament to impose
on all British subjects over eigh-
teen years of age the obligation
of serving in the Territorial Force
for four years.

China Mail.

Chiu Ping-kwan.

Some seem to think that Chin's
death is a reward for the part he
is reported to have taken in the
death of Song Kuo-yan, and that
those who read the facts in
this light regard the retribution
as only just, and are not them-
selves sorry that such a fate has
overtaken him. On the
other hand, most of those
who care to say much
about the sad affair speak with
some diffidence and are quite
puzzled to understand its prin-
ciple and cause. Whilst some say that
he died a natural death, and
others affirm that he was poisoned,
there is wisdom, we think, in
speaking of the affair with
some reserve. For ourselves,
assuming that he was poi-
soned, and of this there
seems a considerable weight of
evidence, we are sure that this
sort of thing will in the long run
only bring retribution upon the
country. Where life is so uncer-
tain that at any hour the knife,
the cup, or the bullet may end
it, only disaster and shame will
be the heritage of those who de-
grade themselves to these dis-
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GENERAL NEWS.

Deater Whisky.

The annual meeting of the Glasgow Licensed Trade Defence Association recently stated that the prohibition which was being taken on the proposal to raise the minimum price of spirits to 8d. per gill, making whisky 4d. per glass, was meeting with encouraging support. Six hundred traders were in favour of the increase, and only five against.

Fencing Teas.

The fencing tea, said to be a brand-new idea, has been originated by members of the Washington Fencers' Club and their wives. The Club is planning a series of boats with outside teams at these teas when the wife of some member will be the hostess who will be assisted by the wives of other members. The men, for their part of the programme, will arrange with other well-known fencing teams to come here to meet the local fencers before the teas.

Trade with Dominions.

Sir Hubert William Smith, Permanent Secretary to the Board of Trade, gave evidence at the Dominions Royal Commission recently. Official inter-Imperial exhibitions in the United Kingdom and the Dominions, said Sir Hubert, would be useful, and a large number of merchants in this country would welcome them. He did not think that co-operation with other Governments, in that matter was practicable or desirable. He was of opinion that the Trade Commissioners had been very successful. He did not think it was practicable or desirable to attempt to make the trade intelligence system inter-Imperial in any form or sense. In regard to the question of securing uniformity witness said he thought that the control of trade information should be centralised in the hands of the Central Branch.

Windsor Castle Art Treasures.

Alterations at Windsor Castle which were put in hand at the beginning of the King's reign are now completed. The original estimate of cost was £12,000, but this has been considerably exceeded. Many articles of great value have been rediscovered, and others have been placed in positions which enhance their appearance, and the entire collection at Windsor Castle now forms one of the richest and largest gatherings of art treasures in the kingdom. Probably no real monetary value could be adequately given, but some idea of the quantity can be gathered from the fact that the inventory of the collection fills upwards of sixty large volumes.

Pekingese Dogs as Assets.

Miss Vassili Earl Turner, formerly engaged in musical comedy in the name of "Vassili Earle," attended at the Bankruptcy Court in London recently for her public examination. She said that a friend had made her a voluntary allowance, averaging \$800 per annum, during the past three years. Her failure was due to extravagance. All her jewellery, worth about £1,000, was stolen in 1910 from her flat. The Official Receiver said it had been suggested that Miss Turner possessed some valuable Pekingese dogs. She smilingly replied that it was true she had two Pekingese, "but," she added, "they are old and ill." Although they originally cost \$40 each, they are not worth more than 23 now. They are seven years old. Another has since been given to me—worth about \$5. I have disclosed all my estate.

Diet to Reform Criminals.

A scientific schedule of diet for prisoners in the city jail at Oakland, California, is being arranged by Dr. A. F. Gillilan, health director of Oakland, in conjunction with Prof. Myer E. Jaffe, professor of nutrition at the University of California. Dr. Gillilan holds that mal-nutrition is responsible for criminality in many cases, and that proper feeding of delinquents may lessen their criminal tendencies. Experiments with the prison diet will be made to prove the theory held by Dr. Gillilan that men and women with criminal inclinations, while in prison, may be subjected to such a diet as will relieve them of their tendencies and send them forth into the world better able to withstand temptation.

CHINESE ART IN AMERICA.

More of New York's Riches Brought to Light.

The large gallery in the Metropolitan Museum, which until lately was occupied by the paintings brought from Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan's London house, is now serving to show some extremely rare and wonderful specimens of Chinese paintings, says the New York Evening Post of January 28. Works of art of this type are not suited to exhibitions; they were never intended to be hung in rows around an exhibition room, and although the work of arrangement has been done most sympathetically, and atmosphere given to the gallery by placing there examples of Chinese art in other mediums, a gorgeous rug, a Buddha figure, a large, handsome screen, some small bronzes, etc., the hanging of so many Chinese paintings "makes them look too Chinese," as a connoisseur remarked on seeing them; that is, it accentuates their national character, while obscuring slightly the grand traits of universal art which they possess.

No work known to us shows a complete comprehension of the law that underlies great art in the early Chinese painting. China was centuries before the development of Japanese work, the source and inspiration of all Oriental art, and the reason for its vitality and influence was its grasp of the fundamental laws of design. In the Chinese theory of aesthetics rhythm is the most important element, and the thoroughly mastered convention. In Chinese art gave the artist a vehicle within his control.

Sung Period Landscapes.

These wonderful paintings have not only the great distinction that comes of the most highly developed refinement in the elimination of the superfluous, in the just sense of proportion, and the complete control in quality of line, but to our eyes the years have given them their final touch of beauty in deepening and mellowing the tone, and in increasing that marvellous quality of poetical suggestion which was the moving spirit in Chinese painting of the first order.

Chinese painting reached its highest mark in the Sung period landscapes, and of these there are a number of rare specimens shown in the present collection. Perhaps the most beautiful of all, and certainly a painting of extraordinary poetical charm, is No. 13 in the catalogue, a winter landscape, which hangs on the centre of the north wall. It is delicate in tone, and the painter has made no effort to particularize, to make an illustration of a given spot. In the foreground a few bare trees with birds flying toward them are seen; and beyond the landscape is placed, not at all photographically or illustratively, but in a manner to awaken the imagination, leaving the spectator to build from the suggestion given so delightfully by the painter his own vision of winter.

The museum has acquired from Dr. Ferguson, who bought many paintings for the gallery and donated others, and who has devoted himself to Chinese art and lived in China for the past twenty-seven years, about two hundred paintings. Of these less than a hundred have been hung, but awaiting the time when the museum shall be able to place the entire collection in permanent and satisfactory quarters these will give to the public an excellent account of the collection as a whole, as well as the opportunity for the greatest aesthetic enjoyment.

The T'ang Period Represented.

The T'ang period is represented by several rare examples of hanging pictures which the Chinese called Kua-fu and the Japanese Kakemono. At this time the Chinese were passing through a period of frivolous gaiety of feasts and rich adornment, with Buddhism a strong puritanical counter-influence corresponding to the puritan influence in England in Cromwell's time. The religious influence had its effect on the painters, and they are here represented by religious subjects. Later, between the T'ang period and the Sung period the gay side

DIET IN DYSENTERY.

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He is more than merely a player, too, for he arranged the instrumental music for Farmer's Mass, intending pupils should note Mr. Vassallo's advertisement which appears on page 3.

of the T'ang period was depicted as in one of the paintings where two masters are riding home from a feast, the servants holding them on their horses—the episode after all only a detail in the superb design.

Pointing to the wall where hang the examples of the succeeding period of Sung landscapes Dr. Ferguson said that he did not believe that any wall in the world had ever contained so many masterpieces of Chinese painting. In addition to the splendid Kua-fu, there are a number of small album paintings of great beauty, some proofs of mirror backs, and several fine examples of Kossu, showing the design of the great painters, woven with astonishing mastery of weaving and colour. The same artist could draw and weave, and occasional examples are found signed by artists who have completed the weaving as well as the original drawing.

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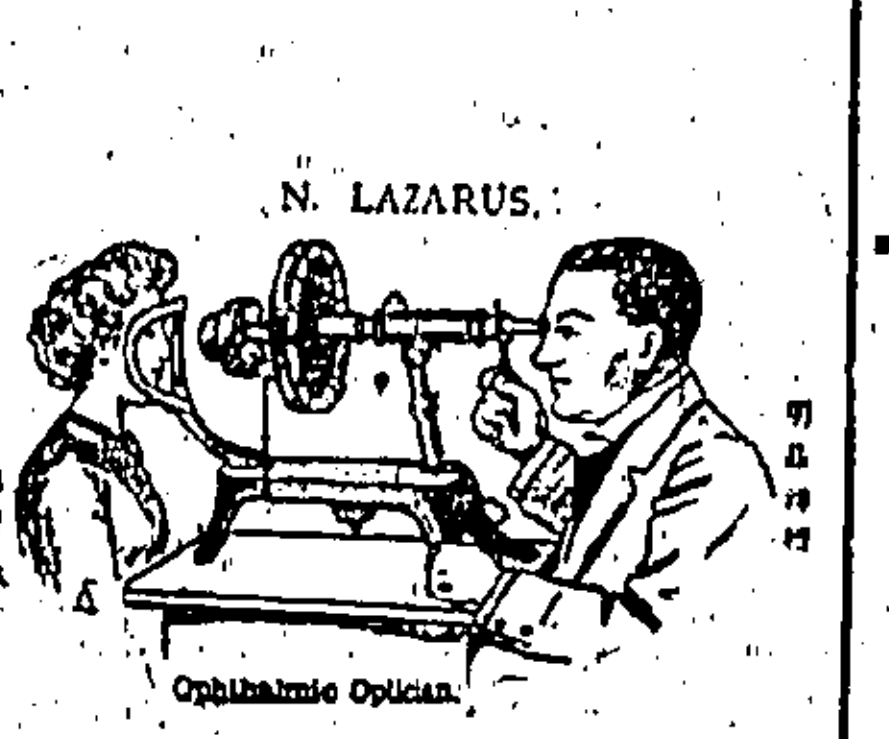
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MARRIAGE.

ARMSTRONG—WYBES—On February 21, at the Cathedral of the "Good Shepherd," Singapore, Mr. C.K. Armstrong, youngest son of Mr. B. M. Armstrong, of Galle, Ceylon, to Miss Jennie Catherine Wybes, eldest daughter of Mr. D. D. Wybes.

DEATH.

Cap. CRAIG.—On February 7, at Wahroonga, Sydney, N.S.W., late Edward Kent Craig, formerly of the Pilot Service, Singapore.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 1914.

THE POST OFFICE.

Some striking figures concerning the work of the Chinese Post Office were published the other day and are worthy of attention. They show that, during the year 1913, the total number of articles handled by the Post Office was 534,000,000, of which 8,500,000 were parcels. These figures are an increase of about 50,000,000 on the previous year's total, or some 33 per cent. These are surprising figures, especially considering the fact that the Post Office is one of the newest of the institutions in China. To be sure, there was for ages a courier service, but the Post Office in its present form is still quite young. Originally it was part of the organization of the Maritime Customs Service and was formally recognised in 1896. In 1910 it came under the direct control of the Ministry of Communications.

The growth of the service, during the last five years, has been striking. In 1910 355,000 articles were handled, and the progress has since been steady. Even in the year of revolution there was a considerable upward leap, and one lesson to which these figures point is that the Chinese, in spite of turmoil and disturbance, is not to be driven from his business, if he gets a chance at all to follow it. They show, too, what possibilities there are in the service which has not by any means reached the limit of its usefulness. The revenue, of course, has grown with the service, and it is steadily becoming more efficient.

An immense amount of thought and care must have gone to the perfecting of a service which delivers letters and parcels over routes totalling 130,000 miles, and when the full story of its growth comes to be written it should prove one of the most romantic in the history of China. We saw it stated the other day that a lowered tariff for newspapers and printed matter is contemplated, and if that is done the usefulness of the institution will be greatly increased. One does not usually associate the Post Office with pioneer educational work, but the more it makes it possible for newspapers to be spread abroad the more will it contribute to the education of the masses of China. The Post Office in China is one of its most splendid institutions and China may well be proud of it.

The Davis Cup.

There is again a good entry for the Davis Lawn Tennis Cup this year, no fewer than six nations challenging the United States for the possession of the coveted trophy. By virtue of winning the cup from Britain, the then holders, last year, America is, of course, excused from the rounds, and will simply have to meet the winner of the matches between the challenging countries. Last year's victory for America was only by the narrowest of margins—three events to two, and there is no doubt that the Britishers will do their level best this time to win back the trophy, especially since Britain came out second best in the great polo contest.

Interesting Draws.

The draws is an extremely interesting one. France and Germany, the great Continental tennis rivals, have both been fortunate enough to "secure" byes, while Britain has none too hard a task in the first round, having to meet Belgium. If the Britishers win this encounter, as they should, they will have to face France in the second round, and then a very stiff fight should be seen, as the Frenchmen have been going very strongly of late. There is to be Colonial tennis in the first round between Australasia and Canada, the winners to eventually try conclusions with Germany. The contests should all be spirited to a degree, and tennis players in Hongkong will follow the fortunes of the various competing countries with the keenest interest.

BILLIARDS.

Soldiers Club Handicap.

The match between the 87 Coy. R. G. A. and 83 Coy. R. G. A. in the Soldiers' Club Billiards Handicap was continued yesterday evening. Sergt. Erwood of the 83rd Coy. lost Bomb. Ward by 250-185, his best breaks being 20 and 22. In the second match Sergt. Heath of the 87th Coy beat Bomb. Price of the 83rd by 250-222. The 87th Coy. now have a lead of 200 points.

THE PRICE OF PIGEONS.

Three and one-eighth pigeons for a dollar was the price given as a ruling for these birds to Mr. Wood in the Magistracy this morning, by the complainant in a case where a man was charged with obtaining pigeons by false pretences. The defendant was alleged to have boarded the s.s. Kwong Lee and obtained possession of 280 pigeons telling the dealer to call at a certain address for the money.

The dealer was unable to find the prisoner at the address given but the police, to whom a complaint, was made were more successful. Prisoner was remanded until to-morrow.

Arrived from Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunlop Clark arrived from home to-day by the s.s. Prinz Eitel Friedrich.

Silk Delivered.

The cargo of Raw Silk shipped on board the s.s. "Dumbas" which left this port on January 27 was delivered at Lyon on the 2nd instant.

The Queue.

A Chinese bootman with a queue who was the cynosure of all eyes in the precincts of the Police Court, this morning, and another, were charged with removing sand from Tsung I. and fined \$25 each.

Whose Wax?

An owner is wanted for twenty-one bags of white wax. The value of the goods is between \$200 and \$300, and a Chinese in whose possession they were found was charged with unlawful possession, by Inspector Dymond at the Police Court before Mr. J. A. Hazland. The defendant who was caught bringing the wax ashore from a junk was fined \$100 or in default three months imprisonment.

DAY BY DAY.

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LOVE AND THOUGHT.—Lubbock.

The Weather.

Lower levels 8 a.m. Temp. 71, haze.

At the Peak 8 a.m. Temp. 64 foggy.

The Mails.

German Mail.—Arrived per s.s. Prinz Eitel Friedrich at 7.30 a.m. to-day.

American, Canadian and Siberian Mails.—Left per s.s. Empress of Japan at 11 a.m. to-day.

Siberian Mail.—Closes per s.s. Prinz Eitel Friedrich at 4 p.m. to-day.

Minotaur Leaves.

H.M.S. Minotaur left to-day for Mira Bay.

Stolen Clothing.

A Chinese fitter living at Siutor Street has been robbed of fifteen pieces of clothing valued \$15.

New Steamer.

The new P. & O. steamer Khiva arrived on her maiden voyage from Home to-day.

Arrived.

Lieut. Col. Cottell and Miss Cottell arrived by the s.s. Kniva to-day, as also did Engineer Commander H. Hammond.

Stolen From Bedroom.

Mr. F. A. MacKichen residing at No. 2 Ames Villas Kowloon reports that some person entered his bedroom and stole from the dressing table jewellery to the value of \$45.

Football Practice Match.

Last evening a practice match was played between teams, the one containing the Hongkong F.C.'s forward line, and the other the club's defence. The former won by three goals to one.

A big Jump.

While attempting to evade arrest during a gambling raid on a house in Kowloon City Road a Chinese jumped from a second floor window. He has been sent to the Government Civil Hospital to undergo treatment for his injuries.

Woman Robbed.

A Chinese woman living at Belchers Street reports to the police that she has been robbed during her absence from the house of a gold bangle and eight gold rings to the total value of \$280. A visitor is suspected.

"Quo Vadis".

The great picture "Quo Vadis" was displayed at the Canton Club theatre on Tuesday before the largest audience that has been seen there for a very long time. It is hardly necessary to say that the audience was more than pleased. Antony and Cleopatra is to be shown in the same theatre in about a fortnight.

Latest Advertisements.

The film of the Hongkong Races is being shown at the Wigwam Tennis Club to-night, to-morrow and Saturday.—Page 5.

Consignees' notices concerning the Coblenz is issued.—Page 5.

Consignees' notices concerning the Prinz Eitel Friedrich is issued.—Page 5.

Portuguese Amateurs.

We are asked to state that the Portuguese Amateurs are giving their second performance at the Club Lusitano on Saturday next, the 7th instant. Owing to the high success achieved on their first performance, a general request was made to have the play repeated. Those who have an interest in the Associação Portuguesa de Socorros Mútuos ought not to miss this favourable opportunity of giving their support to their compatriots. The wax ashore from a junk was fined \$100 or in default three months imprisonment.

COMPANY MEETING.

The Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd.

(VERBATIM).

The twenty-ninth ordinary annual meeting of shareholders in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., was held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company, Ltd., this morning. The Hon. Mr. D. Landale presided, and there were also present:—Sir Paul Chater, Messrs. H. A. Siebs, J. W. C. Bonnar, S. H. Dowdall, G. S. Gubbay, the Hon. Mr. E. Shellim, O. Landgraf and H. Schmidt (directors); Capt. P. H. Rolfe, Messrs. F. B. L. Bowley, F. Bulmer Johnson, R. Pookham, T. W. Robertson, A. E. O'Connell, G. Curry, A. Ritchie, P. O. Potts, R. L. Atkinson, J. McGubbin and others (shareholders); and W. S. Brown (secretary).

The Chairman:—As it is now past the hour for which the meeting is called, and there is a quorum present, I will ask the Secretary to read the notices convening the meeting.

The Secretary read the notices convening the meeting, and also the auditors' report.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen:—Following the usual procedure I propose with your permission to take the report and accounts as read.

The year 1913, as will be seen from the report, was one of marked progress for the Company, the increasing demand for wharfage and storage accommodation being the main features of the year's work. To meet this demand your directors have under contemplation the building of a new steamer wharf and godown as soon as the Police Basin is handed over to us by Government. The increasing length and depth of modern steamers calls for the provision of greater length than any of our present ones and necessitates a considerable amount of dredging at our wharves, so that our outlay in the immediate future is likely to be exceptionally heavy.

There is under construction a new powerful steam tug to replace the old tug "Kowloon" which was disposed of at a profit during the time a large number of lighters were laid up owing to the decline in lighter business. In order to pay for these requirements it behoves us to husband our finances and explain why your directors do not recommend the payment of a larger dividend.

Your fleet of lighters suffered heavily during the disastrous typhoons of August and September last owing to the fact that both these visitants approached with little or no warning. The new tug should be the means of getting our craft into shelter quicker on future occasions.

One item in the accounts perhaps needs explanation and that is the amount of repairs debited to Profit and Loss Account, which is larger than usual. This is accounted for by the fact that in order to provide for the extra demand for storage space it was imperative to make several alterations and improvements to the godowns.

With these remarks, gentlemen, I beg to propose that the report and accounts be adopted as passed—as presented.

Mr. Ritchie:—Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, I have much pleasure in seconding the motion that the report and accounts be adopted as presented.

The Chairman:—It has been proposed by myself and seconded by Mr. Ritchie that the report and accounts be passed as presented. This resolution is now before the meeting and it is open for discussion. I shall be happy to answer to the best of my ability any questions shareholders may wish to put.

Mr. Bowley:—Mr. Chairman, I should like to ask the following questions:—The first question—Are there any mortgages on the Company's land and buildings?

The Chairman:—The reply to that question is:—There are no mortgages on the Company's property.

Mr. Bowley:—The second question—Does the item "sundry creditors, \$273,724.36" include any absolute liabilities, or does it also include contingent liabilities? If the latter, what is the

amount of such contingent liabilities, and can any and what portion thereof be written back?

The Chairman:—In reply to this question I think it will be best if I give you the items which make up the amount referred to.

The first item is Loan from the Star Ferry Company, \$115,000; staff securities, \$33,000; due to the compradors for coolie hire, \$21,220.20; Police Basin Suspense Account, \$6,000; New Office Suspense Account, \$1,198.94; sundry payments due to staff on leave, \$1,415.65; making a total of \$177,834.79.

The balance of \$95,890.57 is actual sundry creditors, such as returns to constituents, directors' fees, coal, etc.; making up a total of \$273,724.36; and in the opinion of your directors no portion of this amount can be written back at present.

Mr. Bowley:—Third question—Were any additions, internal or external, made to the buildings last year? If so, what amount was paid for such additions, and out of what fund was it paid?

The Chairman:—The cost of erecting Mezzanine floors in sundry godowns came to \$41,967.57, which has been charged to Repairs Account. Your directors consider these improvements to our godowns are hardly of such a permanent nature as to charge their cost to a capital account such as the Buildings Account.

You must bear in mind that no depreciation has been written off our buildings.

Mr. Bowley:—Question 4—Why do the directors propose to increase the rate of writing off the value of lighters from about 6 per cent. to 13 per cent, and the rate of writing off machinery from about 7.1-2 per cent. to about 12 per cent. as compared with last year?

The Chairman:—After the 1906 typhoon in order to carry on our business we had to buy a number of extra lighters at very high prices. On this account your directors consider it necessary to provide a greater margin than formerly. As regards our machinery, some of our machinery, such as cranes, etc., is becoming obsolete and will have to be replaced at no very distant date. The wear and tear of cranes is particularly heavy. It is only in good years such as this that we can make such ample provision.

Mr. Bowley:—Question 5—Are the launches and lighters of the Company fully insured against marine risks, including fire and tempest?

The Chairman:—The launches and lighters are insured against total loss by typhoon only to the extent of 50 per cent. of their value. The Insurance Companies insist on our taking one half of the risk.

Mr. Bowley:—Is there no insurance against fire, sir?

The Chairman:—Not on launches and lighters.

Mr. Bowley:—I should like to ask one more similar question, sir—Are the wharves insured against fire and tempest?

The Chairman:—The wharves are insured against fire to the extent of 50 per cent.

Mr. Bowley:—And also against typhoon, sir?

The Chairman:—And also against typhoon.

Mr. Bowley:—Thank you.

The Chairman:—We must take the balance ourselves—you understand that?

Mr. Bowley:—Yes, sir.

Mr. Bowley:—Mr. Chairman, I regret to oppose the adoption of the report in its present form. I am very grateful to the chairman for the kind way in which he answered the questions which I put to him. An anonymous writer in the Morning Post who claims to be a shareholder of many years standing, and one who experienced the effects of the 1906 typhoon suggests it would be bad business policy to squeeze the last drop of blood out of the Company in the way of dividend. Well gentlemen, I thoroughly agree with our anonymous friend. I also was a shareholder before the typhoon and I have nothing but admiration for the extraordinary way in which the Company has recovered from that disaster, thanks no doubt, to the wise and able guidance of our former secretary, Mr. Edward Osborne. I do not want to squeeze the last drop of blood out of the company; but it seems to me that the

state of the Company's health is such that a little blood letting might improve its circulation. Last year the Company made clear net profit of \$420,000 out of its ordinary legitimate trade, after paying all its expenses including repairs and renewals, and as the chairman has told you, for additions to the buildings which might have been charged to capital account.

The additions to buildings amounted to \$41,967. The company therefore is in an extraordinarily strong position as it owns land and buildings entered in its books to the value of over three million dollars, but probably worth twice as much, all of which is free from mortgage and debentures. In addition to this the company owns wharves, launches, lighters, machinery and plant which have been written down far below actual value and which yet stands in the books at nearly a million dollars.

About \$262,000 has been written off these assets during the last two years and this year it is proposed to write off \$100,000 more. There is therefore in existence an enormous reserve fund which does not appear in the balance sheet in addition to the reserve of \$650,000 which appears in the balance sheet. The money which is required for the construction of new godowns and wharves could easily be raised and charged to capital account, raised either by overdraft or by issue of debentures. I don't see why that extraordinary expenditure should be charged to working profits of this year's account; it should be the subject of a loan which should be paid off gradually in subsequent years. It seems to me unnecessary therefore to put \$100,000 to the reserve fund at present. The company has made a net profit of 14 per cent. on its capital by legitimate trading. Out of that 14 per cent. the directors propose to pay the shareholders 7 per cent. only and to put away the remaining 7 per cent. It seems to me that those shareholders who ask for a bigger share of the profits cannot be in the face of the position of the company, called either rash or greedy in their demands. I therefore ask the directors to recommend in addition to the dividend of 7 per cent., a bonus of 2 per cent., upon the working profits and to reduce the amount written off and to reduce the amount placed to the reserve fund.

The Chairman:—Well gentlemen your directors regret that they are unable to comply with Mr. Bowley's request. As I explained very fully both in my speech and in the answers which I have given, it is only in good years such as this that ample provision can be made and it is only in the past that by having made such provision that the company has been able to survive the losses from several very severe typhoons, and I think that with the expenditure which we have before us it would not be wise to pay away a larger dividend. There is one point, perhaps I might refer to and that is that in past years the value of the wharves have not written down to the extent they might have been. Take the average life of a wharf as twenty years, the total value of the wharves ought to be written down to \$253,000, and they stand in the books at \$292,000, so to get them really on a sound footing there is another \$39,000 to be written off. In view of that I don't think the shareholders can consider the value of the property of the company to too great an extent. Mr. Bowley also made a point that the market value of the land belonging to the company was very much more than it stands in the books, but that hardly can be taken into accounts as that does not increase our earnings. The market value of land is only based upon the sales of adjoining property which have taken place, and until we desire to sell the land we should not get any advantage from the increase. I regret the directors are unable to comply with the request to add a bonus to the dividend which they have proposed. If no other shareholder wishes to address the meeting I will put the resolution which has been proposed by myself and seconded by Mr.

Edwards to the vote: that the

resolution be adopted.

The Chairman:—The resolution is carried.

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CHUNG SAU-NAM CASE.

Matter Again Heard in Court To-day.

The Attorney General, the Hon. Mr. J. A. S. Bucknill, attended at the Supreme Court this afternoon to hear the arguments put forward by Sir Francis Piggott in the course of his appeal to their Lordships Sir William Rees Davies (Chief Justice) and Mr. Justice Gompertz (Puisne Judge) to permit stay of surrender of the fugitive, Chung Sau-nam, pending appeal to the Privy Council.

Sir Francis Piggott said that this was a petition to the Court under section 2 of New Rules, Appeals to Privy Council, for special leave to appeal in the matter of the extradition of Chung Sau-nam on the ground that great questions were involved of great general or public importance. The petition had been filed and was supported by an affidavit in the form of a petition which had been adopted and which followed the form which was recently used in the Ibrahim case and supposed to be a resume of the arguments and a resume of the decisions of the Court on this point, and it submitted that the petitioner humbly submitted that he was grieved because, he ventured to suggest, that those decisions of the court on those points were not accurate in law and in fact. He might say they had been through the petition as far as possible, and they had only newspaper reports of the judgment and so far as they could they had endeavoured to correctly interpret their Lordships' Judgment. They had attempted to keep the newspaper reports they had been through within the meaning of the Judgment. Before he proceeded with the application, he thought

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Ritchie; that the report and accounts as presented be adopted. Those in favour please signify in the usual manner—Against. The resolution is carried.

The Chairman:—The election of the retiring directors is the next business.

Mr. Crapnell:—Mr. Chairman, I beg to propose that the retiring directors, the Hon. Mr. E. Shellim, and Mr. H. Schmidt be re-elected.

Capt. Rolfe:—Mr. Chairman, I have much pleasure in seconding that resolution.

The Chairman:—The re-election of the Hon. Mr. E. Shellim, and Mr. H. Schmidt as directors has been proposed by Mr. Crapnell and seconded by Capt. Rolfe, will those in favour signify in the usual way. Against—Carried unanimously.

The Chairman:—The next business is the appointment of Mr. Landgraf as director.

Mr. Bowley:—The Chairman, I have much pleasure in proposing that the election of Mr. C. Landgraf as a director of this company be confirmed.

Mr. McOubbin:—I have pleasure in seconding.

The Chairman:—The appointment of Mr. C. Landgraf—that the appointment be confirmed—has been proposed by Mr. Bowley and seconded by Mr. McOubbin, will those in favour signify in the usual way—Against—Carried unanimously.

The Chairman:—The next business is the election of auditors.

Mr. Packham:—I beg to propose that Messrs. F. Maitland and A. O'D. Gourdin be re-elected auditors at a remuneration of \$350 each.

Mr. Robertson:—Mr. Chairman:—I have very much pleasure in seconding that.

The Chairman:—It is proposed that Mr. F. Maitland and Mr. A. O'D. Gourdin be re-elected auditors for the ensuing year at a remuneration of \$350 each. This is proposed by Mr. Packham and seconded by Mr. Robertson. Those in favour please signify in the usual way. Against—Carried unanimously.

The Chairman:—That is all the business gentlemen I thank you for your attendance. Dividend warrants may be had on application on and after the sixteenth of March 1914.

A BIG CLAIM.

Wealthy Portuguese Gentleman and a Contract.

In Original Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court this morning the hearing of an interesting action was resumed.

The plaintiffs are the Great Eastern Smelting and Refining Company of San Francisco, and they claimed from T. P. Marques, of Macao, \$85,452, being the balance due under a guarantee for the payment of \$200,000 given by the defendant that Messrs. Arndt and Co., Hongkong, would repay a loan to this amount.

Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C. and Mr. Eldon Potter, instructed by Mr. Beavis, of Messrs. Wilkison and Griet, appeared for plaintiffs, and Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C. and Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. Leo D'Almada, was for the defendant.

Mr. Sharp continued his address yesterday on the particulars of the case. He said that the first intimation they had of the cancellation of the contract of Wong was a notice in a Chinese paper which stated that the Chinese Government had cancelled the contract with Wong. This cutting was sent to the other side. There was no one but Wong recognised in connection with the contract between the Kwangtung Government and Wong. The balance which was \$112,000, Hongkong currency, had been credited to Mr. Marques. The \$200,000 was put up in Hongkong currency and they claimed in Hongkong currency because that was the only one known in this Court. In Canton currency the balance they had handed over was about one hundred and thirty thousand odd dollars in Canton currency, the latter currency being the only one known in Canton. Their money was paid to Arndt. Arndt was the only person they assumed to be connected with the dishonesty. The fact of cancellation by the Kwangtung Government was now admitted. Immediately following the cancellation there was correspondence between Mr. Wilkison and the trustee under the arrangement. It was pointed out that it was evident that Messrs. Arndt were not any longer able to carry out their contract and they asked for the position which was to be taken up in connection with the contract. A letter was received in reply saying that there was a meeting of the creditors that day and the matter was put before them. It was definitely decided to relinquish the contract because it was impossible to carry on. Then a letter was sent back saying that there was an obligation under the contract and the plaintiffs could do nothing which would prejudice the surety.

After this Mr. Sharp produced numerous authorities in support of his case and was proceeding with his argument when we went to press.

Mr. Sharp to-day said that when he said Mr. Marques' liability under the contract as guarantor was recognised at the various meetings, he did not mean that it arose for specific discussion or that Mr. Marques said "I recognise my liability in the guarantee," that was not the suggestion. The point was that the discussion entirely proceeded upon negotiations proceeding upon the recognition of this liability although it was not specifically discussed.

His Lordship:—That is what I understood.

Mr. Sharp:—Yes and I don't wish it to be misunderstood in any way. Mr. Marques treated his contract, his guarantee, as still in force, and no suggestion was made by him, or on his behalf, of repudiation, until after the arrangement to carry the contract by himself had failed, and his solicitor wrote that letter of January 8. No letter of repudiation had been written on his (Mr. Marques') behalf. That applies to all the meetings.

Harry Pink in answer to Mr. Potter said he was a representative of the plaintiff firm. He knew of the contract between the Kwangtung government and Wong Sam Sun. He learned that from Arndt. He knew very well that Arndt's were not recognised by the Chinese government. He was informed by Arndt that the Chinese Govern-

ment would under no circumstances deal direct with a foreigner. His firm had been cabled to the effect that the Arndt firm was good. Witness was personally favourably impressed with Arndt at the time, but before paying over the money to him he thought he should make enquiries from the bank. Arndt told him the Kwangtung Government required \$200,000, as security for the fulfilment of contract, in Hongkong currency. That was in accordance with the cable sent to Wehills Company.

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Mr. Potter:—Very well; these cables had been sent by Arndt to your company on this matter?

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Mr. Potter was leading witness in regard to the handing over of the agreement that was signed when Mr. Pollock objected, observing that "so many extraordinary attempts have been made to get in little indications, that it makes one rather suspicious."

Witness proceeding said he first heard of Arndt's alleged dishonesty about the end of November on the commencement of December. He learned about the difference in the currency in regard to the payment of the \$200,000. He (Arndt) had in fact only paid \$200,000 Canton notes to the Chinese Government instead of the \$200,000 in Hongkong currency as paid by witness to him. He endeavoured to see Arndt on that matter but he did not succeed. The reason why he did not succeed was because Arndt was very ill for one thing and he could not be seen, and just about that time he (witness) called upon the German Consul and told him his troubles. He really went to him for advice. He asked the Consul if he could not see Mr. Arndt and make things right. His first visit to the Consul was not a complaint. He told the Consul his trouble and he asked him to intercede for him. That was on the Shamien. Arndt said he was too ill to attend the Consul's office to give an explanation. It was only when Arndt could not be found that witness made his "official complaint." He made the complaint so that Arndt could be found. A warrant was then issued.

Mr. Potter:—Arndt never returned again?

Witness:—No.

Mr. Potter:—There was a rumour that he had shot himself; I don't know if it is true.

Mr. Pollock:—There have been all kinds of rumours.

The hearing was adjourned until to-morrow.

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For	Steamers	To Sail
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAU.....	Chenan	7th Mar. at m'night
STOW, C'POO & TIEN TSIU Huichow		9th Mar. at 3 p.m.
SHANGHAI.....	Liangchow	10th Mar. at 4 p.m.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO.....	Taming	10th Mar. at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI.....	Luchow	17th Mar. at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAU.....	Yingchow	14th Mar. at m'night
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO.....	Teian	17th Mar. at 4 p.m.

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Tjitaronek.....	SHAI	1st half Mar.	JAVA	1st half Mar.
Tjipanas.....	JAVA	2nd half Mar.	SHAI	2nd half Mar.
Tjilap.....	JAVA	2nd half Mar.	JAPAN	2nd half Mar.
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Nippon Maru	44,000	18 knots	Wed., 8th "
Shinyo Maru	22,000	21 knots	Sat., 11th "
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St. Albans.....	14th Mar.	20th Mar. at 10 a.m.
Eastern.....	4th April	9th April at "
Aldham.....	2nd May	1st May
Empire.....		19th May

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Haitan.....	J.S. Roach	FRIDAY, 6th Mar. at 11 a.m.
Haiyang.....	A.E. Hodgins	TUESDAY, 10th Mar. at 11 a.m.
Haiyang.....	W.C. Passmore	FRIDAY, 13th Mar. at 11 a.m.

FOR SWATOW.

Steamships.	Captain	Leaving
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Haitan.....	J.W. Evans	WEDNES., 11th Mar. at 11 a.m.

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The Yangtze.

The improvement in the water in the Lower Yangtze has made it possible for steamers to leave Hankow at night as formerly and the C. N. steamer Ngankin, which arrived at Shanghai on February 22, left at that hour. As the Collinson Island Channel is still considered dangerous for vessels to pass each other, it has been arranged that upward bound vessels will anchor below the channel during the hours from 1 to 4 a.m. to allow the downward bound ships to get through.

Japanese Shipbuilding.

The Osaka Shosen Kaisha has under construction at the Miyagishi, Kawasaki, Osaka Ironworks and other shipbuilding yards two vessels of 10,000 tons, one of 5,500 tons, two of 3,000 tons and three of 1,000 tons, all of which are expected to be completed during this year.

Saxonia Ashore.

The Hamburg-Amerika Line steamer Saxonia went ashore during a fog on February 15 outside of Tsingtau and received damage to her bottom forward, water penetrating the Nos. 1 and 2 holds. Efforts to refloat the vessel were unsuccessful, a salvage steamer was despatched from Nagasaki to her assistance and the cargo was discharged into lighters. The vessel lay in a precarious position and the salvage pumps available were unable to keep the water under, but hopes were entertained of refloating her should the weather remain fine.

Shanghai Dividend.

The Directors of the Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Co., Ltd., have decided to recommend, at the annual general meeting, the payment of a final dividend for the year 1913 of 3 per share and the transfer of Tls. 25,000 to Repair Account.

Another Japanese Purch.

Japanese buyers have purchased from the Adelaide Steamship Company of Sydney the steamer Mintro, 2,287 tons. She was built in 1889 by Messrs. Russell and Co., Greenock, with dimensions 290.8ft. by 37.9ft. by 19.5ft.

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A Japanese steamship company announced a dividend of 80 per cent. per annum year before last and at the semi-annual meeting held recently the company again declared a dividend of 60 per cent. per annum.

New Buoy.

The Shanghai Coast Inspector notified the establishment of lighted buoy at entrance to Pakhoi Anchorage.

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Light.....0.3 seconds.

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(Projected Sailings from Hongkong.—Subject to Alteration.)

Destination	Ship	Date	Time
Yokohama, Kobe & Moji	Yatsushiro	Sat., 7th Mar.	at d'light
Yokohama, Kobe & Moji	Yatsushiro	Sat., 7th Mar.	at 2 p.m.
Yokohama, Kobe & Moji	Yatsushiro	Sat., 7th Mar.	at 2 p.m.
Yokohama, Kobe & Moji	Yatsushiro	Sat., 7th Mar.	at 2 p.m.
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Yokohama, Kobe & Moji	Yatsushiro	Sat., 7th Mar.	at 2 p.m.
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LONDON & ANTWERP	Merionethshire	8th April	
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VICTORIA VVER STE.	Radnorshire	7th Mar.	
TACOMA & PLAND	Don of Ruthven	5th April	
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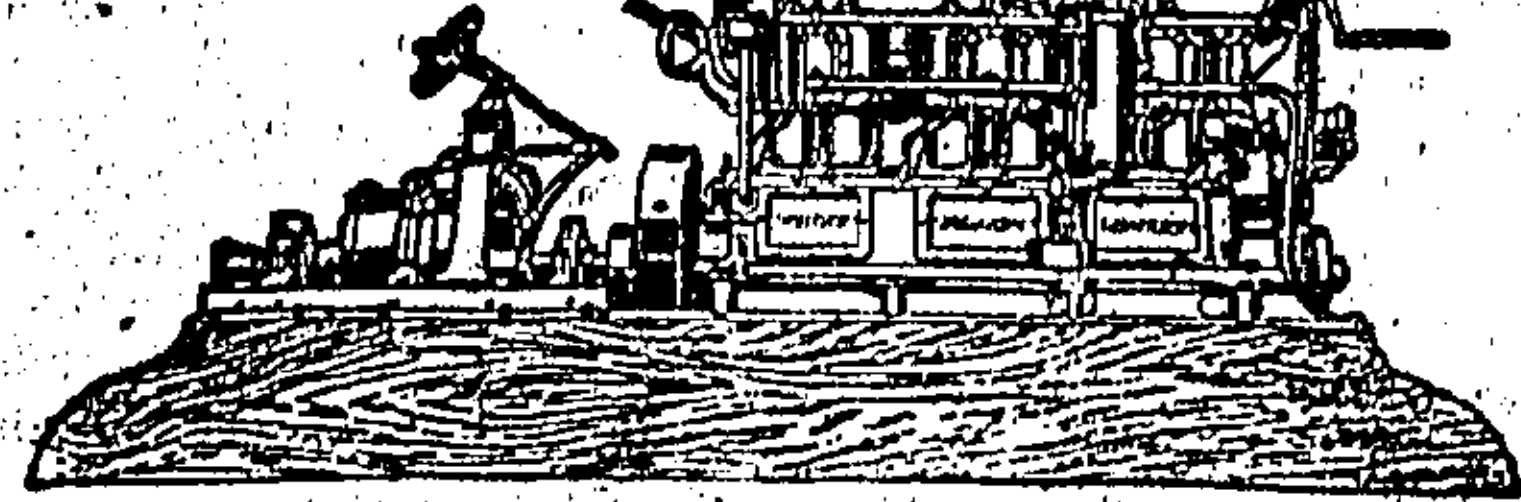
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Mos, Havre, R'dam & Hamburg	Bermuda	H. A. L.	8, Mar.
London and Antwerp	Den of Airie	J. M. Co.	8, Mar.
Marseilles, via Ports	Nera	M. M.	10, Mar.
Marseilles, Dunkirk, Antwerp, R'dam and Bremen/H'burg	Mark	N. D. L.	10, Mar.
Mos, L'don, A'werp via S'pore, &c.	Hirano M.	N. Y. K.	11, Mar.
Havre, Emden and Hamburg	Spezia	H. A. L.	14, Mar.
Trieste, via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, etc.	Africa	S. W. Co.	15, Mar.
Bremen, Hamburg & A'werp, Marseilles, R'dam & Hamburg	Senegambia	H. A. L.	17, Mar.
Havre, Emden and Hamburg	Sachsen	H. A. L.	23, Mar.
Bremen	Scandia	H. A. L.	28, Mar.
London via Plymouth	Goettingen	N. D. L.	28, Mar.
Havre, Emden and H'burg	Glenlogan	S. T. Co.	31, Mar.
Bremen	Tuebingen	N. D. L.	E. of M.
Havre, Emden & Hamburg	Aragonia	H. A. L.	3, Apr.
Marseilles, Antwerp, R'dam	Assyria	H. A. L.	4, Apr.
Bremen/H'burg	Lothringen	N. D. L.	M. of Apr.
Havre, Emden & H'burg/B'men	Thuringen	N. D. L.	B. of May
Marseilles via Ports	Dumbea	M. M.	19, May.
Havre, Dunkirk, Emden and Hamburg/Bremen	Gernia	N. D. L.	5. of May

NEW-YORK SAN FRANCISCO AND CANADA.

San Francisco, via Shanghai, M'la, Japan and Honolulu	Chiyo M.	T. K. K.	7, Mar.
Victoria V'vor S'le T. & P.	Radnorshire	J. M. Co.	8, Mar.
Boston and New York	Indradeo	J. M. Co.	10, Mar.
Victoria, B.C., & Seattle via Shanghai, &c.	Sado M.	N. Y. K.	10, Mar.
San Fco via Manila & Japan &c.	China	P. M. Co.	14, Mar.
London, via Usual Ports of Call	India	P. & O.	14, Mar.
Victoria, V'vor, S'le & P. (Or.)	Suedmark	H. A. L.	18, Mar.
London & A'werp via S'pore etc.	Nile	P. & O.	18, Mar.
Vancouver via S'hai and Japan	E. of Russia	C. P. R.	19, Mar.
Victoria, B.C., T'm via Japan &c.	Seattle M.	O. S. K.	21, Mar.
San Fco via S'hai & Japan &c.	Manchuria	P. M. Co.	21, Mar.
San Francisco and San Pedro	R. Dollar	R. D. Co.	31, Mar.
Victoria, B.C., & T'm via S'hai &c.	Mexico M.	O. S. K.	1, Apr.
Vancouver via S'hai and Japan	E. of India	C. P. R.	2, Apr.
San Francisco, via Shanghai, M'la, Japan and Honolulu	Genyo M.	T. K. K.	4, Apr.
Mexican, Peruvian and Chile	Seiyo M.	T. K. K.	4, Apr.
Ports via Japan	Atholl	D. L. Co.	4, Apr.
New York	Den of	J. M. Co.	5, Apr.
Victoria, Vancouver Seattle, Tacoma & Portland	Monteagle	C. P. R.	8, Apr.
Vancouver via S'hai, Japan etc.	Hoerde	H. A. L.	14, Apr.
Victoria, V'vor, S'le & P. (Or.)	Loit	M. & Co.	18, Mar.
Nies, Goa, A'rs, Lisbon S'ton	E. of Asia	C. P. R.	18, Apr.
Vancouver via S'hai and Japan	M. S. Dollar	R. D. Co.	28, Apr.
San Francisco and San Pedro	Glenloch	J. M. Co.	3, May.
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AUSTRALIA.

Australian Ports via Manila	Kumano M.	N. Y. K.	11, Mar.
Australian Ports via Manila	St. Albans	G. L. Co.	20, Mar.
Australian Ports via Manila	Coblinz	M. Co.	21, Mar.
Australia	Changaba	B. & S.	24, Mar.
Australian Ports via Manila	Eastern	G. L. Co.	9, Apr.
SINGAPORE, COAST PORTS AND JAPAN.			
Shanghai, Y'hamo, Kobe & Moji	N. A. Co.	B. of Mar.	
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	D. L. Co.	6, Mar.	
Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Y'hamo	P. & O.	6, Mar.	
Yokohama, Moji and Kobe	J. M. Co.	7, Mar.	
S'pore, Pang, R'goon & C'outta	N. Y. K.	7, Mar.	
Manila	Ceylon M.	J. M. Co.	7, Mar.
Shanghai and Taingtau	Yuenang	N. Y. K.	7, Mar.
Jesselton, Kudat and Sandakan	Chenan	B. & S.	7, Mar.
Bombay via S'pore Port S'ham, Penang & Colombo	Borneo	M. Co.	8, Mar.
Tientsin	Luzon M.	O. S. K.	8, Mar.
Shanghai	Cheongshing	J. M. Co.	8, Mar.
Swatow	Kwongsang	J. M. Co.	8, Mar.
Shanghai, Kobe & Y'hamo	Haimun	D. L. Co.	8, Mar.
Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama	Chili	M. M.	9, Mar.
Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama	Amazon	M. M.	9, Mar.
Shanghai	Atlantique	M. M.	10, Mar.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Liangchow	B. & S.	10, Mar.
Manila, Cebu & Iloilo	Haiyang	D. L. Co.	10, Mar.
Shanghai	Taming	B. & S.	10, Mar.
Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama	Wosang	J. M. Co.	10, Mar.
Kobe and Yokohama	Tango M.	N. Y. K.	11, Mar.
Shanghai, Moji and Kobe	Kashima M.	N. Y. K.	11, Mar.
Shanghai	Penang M.	N. Y. K.	11, Mar.
Shanghai via Swatow & Amoy	Kaijo M.	O. S. K.	11, Mar.
Shanghai	Devanha	P. & O.	12, Mar.
Shanghai	Luchow	B. & S.	12, Mar.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	G. Apar	D. S. Co.	12, Mar.
Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Y'hamo	Kanagawa M.	N. Y. K.	13, Mar.
Manila, Mangarin, Cebu & Iloilo	Rubi	S. T. & Co.	13, Mar.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Haiching	D. L. Co.	13, Mar.
Manila	Loongang	J. M. Co.	13, Mar.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Hoerde	H. A. L.	14, Mar.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Seudmark	H. A. L.	14, Mar.
Shanghai, Y'hamo, Kobe & Moji	A. Apar	D. S. & Co.	15, Mar.
Manila, Manzan, Cebu & Iloilo	Peking	A. N. Co.	21, Mar.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Zafiro	S. T. Co.	23, Mar.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Brisgavia	H. A. L.	5, Apr.
Shanghai, Kbbe and Yokohama	Uokormark	H. A. L.	5, Apr.
Japan	Sambia	H. A. L.	25, Apr.
Shanghai	Tibodas	J. C. J. L.	Q. desp.
Shanghai	Titaroom	J. C. J. L.	Q. desp.
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Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang, &c.	Tipanas	J. C. J. L.	Q. desp.
Shanghai	Tijmah	J. C. J. L.	Q. desp.
Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang, &c.	Tijuwong	J. C. J. L.	Q. desp.
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The C. P. R. s.s. MONTEAGLE left Vancouver on the 19th ult.

AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The E. & A. s.s. EASTERN left Sydney on the 18th ult. for this Port (via Queensland Ports, Port Darwin, Timor, and Manila) for this port on the 1st inst. and may be expected to arrive here on or about 14th inst.

AMERICAN MAIL.

The P. M. s.s. CHINA sailed from Yokohama for Hongkong via Manila, on the 23rd February. The United States mail has been transferred to the North German Lloyd's s.s. DERFLINGER which arrived at Hongkong on the 2nd March.

The P. M. s.s. CHINA voyage 115 arrived at Manila, March 2nd, between 2 and 4 p.m., and is expected to sail from that Port for Hongkong on March 4 at noon, making her due to arrive at Hongkong on the 6th inst. at daylight.

The s.s. MANCHURIA sailed from Yokohama for Hongkong via Manila, March 3. The United States mail has been transferred to the Nippon Yusen Kaisha's s.s. KUMANO MARU which is due to arrive at Hongkong March 8.

GERMAN MAIL.

The I. G. M. s.s. PRINZ LUDWIG which left here on the 3rd of February, arrived at Genoa on the 3rd inst. at 5 p.m.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The N. Y. K. s.s. KASHIMA MARU (European Line) left London for this port via ports on the 31st January, and is expected here on the 11th March.

The N. Y. K. s.s. YOKOHAMA MARU (American Line) left Seattle for this port via ports on the 10th ult. and is expected here on the 15th March.

The N. Y. K. s.s. CEYLON MARU (Ceylon Line) left Moji for this port on the 23rd February, and is expected here on the 5th March.

The N. Y. K. s.s. KAGA MARU (European Line) left London for this port via ports on the 28th Feb., and is expected here on the 8th April.

The N. Y. K. s.s. KANAGAWA MARU (Cebu Line) left Calcutta for this port via ports on the 23rd Feb., and is expected here on the 14th instant.

The N. Y. K. s.s. HIRANO MARU (European Line) left Kobe for this port via ports on the 28th Feb., and is expected here on the 9th March.

The N. Y. K. s.s. KUMANO MARU (Australian Line) left Yokohama for this port via ports on the 28th Feb., and is expected here on the 9th March.

The N. Y. K. s.s. TANGO MARU (Australian Line) left Tientsin for this port via Manila on the 28th Feb., and is expected here on the 9th March.

The N. Y. K. s.s. FENANG MARU (Bombay Line) left Bombay for this port on the 22nd Feb., and is expected here on the 11th inst.

The N. Y. K. s.s. MISHIMA MARU (European Line) left Marseilles for this port via ports on the 21st Feb., and is expected here on the 25th inst.

The N. Y. K. s.s. INABA MARU (Bombay Line) left Bombay for this port on the 1st inst., and is expected here on the 19th inst.

Fukui, Ger. s.s. 1,018, Werzoh, 3rd inst.—Bangkok 24th ult. Rice—B. and 8.

Doris, Br. Cruiser, 3,041, C. P. Body, 3rd inst.—Plymouth.

Haitan, Br. s.s. 1,163, Rouch, 4th inst.—Swatow, 3rd inst. Gen.—D. I. and Co.

Kankon M. s.s. 1,353, Sasaki, 3rd inst.—Shanghai, 1st inst. Gen.—C. M. S. N. Co.

Kwonglee, Chi. s.s. 1,468, McArthur, 4th inst.—Shanghai, 1st inst. Gen.—C. M. S. N. Co.

Tuebingen, Ger. s.s. 5,536, D. Reimer, 4th inst.—Singapore, 26th ult. Gen.—M. and Co.

Radnorshire, Br. 2,611, L. Williams, 3rd inst.—Singapore, 25th ult. Gen.—J. M. and Co.

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GERMAN FIRM SUD.

Argument on Interesting Points.

In the Summary Court, this morning before Mr. Justice Gompertz the Wing Tai Loy firm, sued Bume and Reif of 12, Des Voeux Road, Central, first floor, merchants, for \$137.50 being the amount of damage sustained by the plaintiffs by reason of the failure on the part of the defendants to deliver to the plaintiffs two cases of elastic web, being the balance of the three cases sold to the plaintiffs by the defendants under a contract dated February 26, 1913.

Mr. R.C. Faithfull appeared for the plaintiffs and Mr. Lewis, of Messrs. Johnson Stokes and Master, appeared for the defendants.

Mr. Lewis said there was, he thought, a preliminary point, which he would like to take, that might dispose of the case.

Mr. Faithfull:—I thought this point was waived?

Mr. Lewis said the case was fixed for February 3, but the Lordship had intimated that he would be unable to go on with the case owing to another engagement. Mr. Faithfull would correct him if he was wrong, but he understood that Mr. Faithfull had told Mr. Moore before that hearing that he was prepared to go on on that point of his and not on the general merits of the case. Certainly the point had not been waived.

Mr. Faithfull said a day was fixed by his Lordship for hearing the arguments on the point and when the case came on his Lordship was otherwise engaged in Full Court. His Lordship said the matter would have to go over and the matter went into the list. When it came on, the point was never raised and his friend said he would go on with the action.

His Lordship:—It doesn't constitute a waiver does it?

Mr. Faithfull said he thought it did. The sum of \$22.50 had been paid to the Registrar.

Mr. Lewis said the sum had been paid in regard to the second case but the defendants denied liability to deliver such goods in accordance and compliance with the contract.

His Lordship said they didn't reserve any point; they were admitting liability in regard to the second case.

Mr. Lewis said the point had never been waived.

His Lordship said he did not remember the point being waived.

Mr. Faithfull said that his answer, then, to that was that the notice sent to the Registrar and the paying of money into Court operated as a waiver. If they objected to the jurisdiction of the Court to hear the case they could not pay money into Court. They could not make any interjectory payment. That Court had no right to hear the case if the jurisdiction of the Court was ousted.

His Lordship said that had the money been taken out of Court, that would have been so, but it was not taken.

Mr. Faithfull replied that they could take the money out of Court whenever they thought fit. If he had taken the money out of Court the defendants might say that he had taken that in settlement and since he had taken it they had no further liability. Plaintiffs had a further claim in regard to the third case of elastic. The Court had no jurisdiction to take the money if it had no jurisdiction to hear the case.

Mr. Lewis said that it was quite clear that he had to take the objection before he took any other step in the action.

His Lordship:—While the objection is existing have you any right to pay money into Court? I don't think you have.

Mr. Lewis said this was not Original Jurisdiction, it was a Summary action and the proceedings were much less formal than in Original Jurisdiction; then the amount was trivial.

His Lordship:—Suppose I find for the defendant for the amount paid in?

Mr. Lewis:—Then—I am entitled to my costs.

His Lordship:—I am not sure you are.

Mr. Lewis:—As regards the amount I have paid in I admit liability.

His Lordship:—Then you cannot prefer your objection. You cannot pay in these proceedings.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[The opinions expressed by the correspondents are not necessarily those of the "Hongkong Telegraph"]

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE BOY-SCOUTS.

(To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph.")

Sir—May I trespass on your valuable space to acknowledge the following additional donations towards the fund we are raising for the erection of a Hall for the Boy Scouts and the Body Guard in connection with the above. The need for such a building is very great and I have much pleasure in thanking all those who have so kindly forwarded their donations and beg to state that we still require a large sum to meet the requirements.

Donations will be most graciously received by either Assistant Scoutmaster G. E. Roylance, Scoutmaster or myself and acknowledged in these columns from time to time.

Yours very sincerely

A. J. EDWARD,
Scoutmaster.

Amount previously acknowledged \$780. The Tai On Company \$50.

Collected by Assistant Scoutmaster G. E. Roylance (First list):—

H. S.	\$10
E. P.	10
A. Scout	5
Mr. Dobbin ..	5
Lamkin Ammir ..	5
Mr. McHardy ..	5
H. D. Tison ..	5
G. E. Eskin ..	5
Montagne Ede Esq ..	5
F. Jenkins Esq ..	5
H. K. B.	5
Dr. Lohb ..	5
A. Sympathiser ..	5
H. K. B.	5
Mr. Fitzwilliam ..	3
Joanes, ..	3
P. Hodgson Esq., ..	3
R. Sutherland Esq., ..	2
A. Ty, ..	2
A. Sympathiser, ..	2
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T. L. E., ..	2
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A. Friend, ..	2
R. W., ..	2
Heggate, ..	2
Joy, ..	2
Wong, ..	2
Johnshead, ..	2
C. E. E., ..	2
J. G. M., ..	2
C. R. B., ..	2
H. K. B., ..	2
R. Kelsey, ..	2
F. A. Gale, ..	2
F. H. Shand, ..	2
G. Cookes, ..	2
H. K. B., ..	2
H. G. H., ..	2
Smaller Donations, ..	5
Total to date.....	\$948

"I admit owing so much and you have no right to sue me; you cannot say these two things at the same time."

Mr. Lewis said the plaintiff was wrong in coming to that Court and he was prepared to fight the point. If his Lordship was against him it was foolish to incur the further costs of arbitration.

His Lordship:—I always thought myself that the matter was outstanding. I have never heard anything about this money being paid into Court.

His Lordship finally decided to hear the point first and said if he found that Mr. Lewis was wrong he would of course rule against him.

This case was adjourned until Monday.

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POST OFFICE.

The Liangchow, with the mails from London (via Siberia) of Saturday the 14th ult., is due to arrive here tomorrow.

The Kumano Maru with the American mail ex Manchuria is due to arrive here on Monday the 9th inst.

MAILS VIA SIBERIA.

Left London Feb. 14 Due Shanghai Mar. 2.

MAIL ARRIVED TO-DAY.

German, P. E. Friedrich.

MAILS DUE.

Siberian, Liangchow, 6th inst.
American, Kumano Maru, 9th inst.

MAILS CLOSE TO-DAY.

Swatow—Per ANGHIN, 5th inst., 5 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per HAI-FAN, 6th inst., 10 a.m.

Japan via Nagasaki—Per AZUMASAN MARU, 6th inst., 11 a.m.

Japan via Moji and San Francisco—Per THODE PAGE, 6th inst., 11 a.m.

Straits, Burma and India via Calcutta—Per OCEYON MARU, 6th inst., 4 p.m.

Japan via Yokohama—Per YATSHING, 6th inst., 5 p.m.

Shanghai, North China, and Japan via Kobe—Per KHIVA, 6th inst., 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, 7th Mar.

Shanghai and North China—Per RADNORSHIRE, 7th inst., 10 a.m.

Shanghai and North China, Japan via Nagasaki, Honolulu, Canada, United States, S. America, via San Francisco (Europe via Siberia)—Per CHIOYU MARU, 7th inst., 11 a.m.

Philippines—Per YUENSANG, 7th inst., 1 p.m.

Straits & India via Calcutta—Per LAISANG, 7th inst., 1 p.m.

Jessellton, Kuda and Sandakan—Per BORNEO, 7th inst., 5 p.m.

Shanghai, North China, and Taiwan (Europe via Siberia)—Per CHENAN 7th Mar. 5 p.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per KWONG-SANG, 7th inst., 5 p.m.

Swatow & Tientsin—Per CHEONG-SHING, 7th inst., 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, 8th Mar.

Swatow—Per HAIMUN, 8th inst., 9 a.m.

MONDAY, 9th Mar.

Swatow, Amoy and Tientsin—Per HUI-CHOW, 9th inst., 7 p.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per WOSANG, 9th inst., 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, 10th Mar.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per HAI-YANG, 10th Mar., 10 a.m.

Shanghai North China Japan via Moji Victoria B.C. Seattle Wash.—Per SAO MARU, 10th inst., 10 a.m.

Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, Adelaide, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles (Late Letters 11 to Noon. Extra Postage 10 cents). Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.—Per NERA, 10th Mar. 11 a.m.

Philippines—Per TAIMING, 10th inst., 3 p.m.

Shanghai, and North China—Per LIANGCHOW, 10th inst., 3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 11th Mar.

Straits & Ceylon—Per HIRANO MARU, 11th inst., 9 a.m.

Japan via Nagasaki—Per TANGO MARU, 11th inst., 10 a.m.

Swatow—Per HAIMUN, 11th inst., 10 a.m.

Philippines Islands, Australia, Tasmania & New Zealand via Port Darwin—Per KUMANO MARU, 11th inst., 11 a.m.

THURSDAY, 12th Mar.

Japan via Moji—Per BANRI MARU, 12th inst., 11 a.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per LUICHOW, 12th inst., 3 p.m.

FRIDAY 13th Mar.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per HAI-CHING, 13th inst., 10 a.m.

Philippines—Per RUBI, 13th inst., 3 p.m.

SATURDAY, 14th Mar.

Straits, Burma, Ceylon, Adelaide, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt, and Europe via Marseilles (Late Letters 11 a.m. to noon. Extra Postage 10 cents). (Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail (Extra Postage 10 cents). (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)—The Parcel mail will be closed on Friday the 13th inst., 5 p.m.—Per INDIA, 14th inst., 11 a.m.

Philippines Islands—Per LOONGSANG, 14th inst., 1 a.m.

Shanghai, North China and Tientsin (Europe via Siberia)—Per YINGCHOW, 14th inst., 5 p.m.

(To make connection with the Tientsin train leaving Shanghai on Thursday the 19th inst.)

TUESDAY, 17th Mar.

Philippines Islands—Per TEAN, 17th inst., 3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 18th Mar.

Straits, Burma, Ceylon, Adelaide, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt, and Europe via Marseilles (Late Letters 11 a.m. to noon. Extra Postage 10 cents). (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)—The Parcel mail will be closed on Friday the 13th inst., 5 p.m.—Per INDIA, 14th inst., 11 a.m.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED.

Ceylon Maru, Jap. s.s. 3,142, Noguichi, 5th inst.—Moji, 23th ult. Gen.—N. Y. K.

Chonan, Br. s.s. 1,355, L. Jones, 4th inst.—Shanghai, 1st inst. Gen.—E. and S.

Hikosan Maru, Jap. s.s. 2,302, Suzuki, 5th inst., 21th ult. Coal—M. B. K.

Khiva, Br. s.s. 3,641, G. M. Montford, 5th inst.—London via Port Gen.—P. and O. S. N.

Methilde, Ger. s.s. 331, G. Schlackier, 5th inst.—Hohow, 4th inst. Gen.—J. and Co.

P. E. Friedrich, Ger. s.s. 4,414, C. Mundt, 5th inst.—Singapore, 23th ult. Gen.—M. and Co.

Suisang, Br. s.s. 1,760, 5th inst.—Weldal, 27th Feb. Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Telemachos, Br. s.s. 1,350, Fraser, 5th inst.—Saloon, 1st inst. Rice—Chinese.

Yorimo Maru, Jap. s.s. 1,983, Sunikawa, 4th inst.—Karatsu, 23th ult. Coal—O. S. K.

DEPARTED.

March 5.

Cheong Shing for Canton
Haimun for Swatow
Kwang Lee Canton
Wenchow for Amoy
Chang for Bangkok
Ching for Tientsin
Huechow for Canton
Chungshun for Tientsin
Namsang for Kobe
Kiangtung for Macao
Kueichow for Tientsin
Hanoi for Haiphong
Saila Mar for Haiphong
Yamato Maru for Chin-wan-tao

March 4.
Empress of Japan for Vancouver
Chonan for Canton
Hoping for Hongkong
Koblenz for Kobe
Tubingen for Yokohama

March 5.
Anhui for Shanghai
Chihua for Manila
P. E. Friedrich for Yokohama
Kunehow for Saigon
Kwang Sang for Canton
Khiva for Yokohama

OLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

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PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per s.s. Chonan from Shanghai on the 4th inst.—Dr. and Mrs. Butts, Captain Ehrhardt, Hope.

Per s.s. P. E. Friedrich from Algier etc. on the 5th inst.—Mr and Mrs D. Clark, Bernard, Don M. Oxtorio, O. Hachtel, Mrs W. H. Burgess, Mr. G. Murphy, Dr. and Mrs. F. Wilson, Miss Wilson, Miss Will, Lloyd, Dr. Kienzeke, F. Gutierrez, Mrs. and Mrs. D. Krueger, Mrs. E. Valentin, Mrs. von Frege, Georg Wagner, Dr. F. Hubner, Mrs. F. Graham, Mrs. M. W. P. Misch, P. Parnale, Mrs. Fred B. Stryker, Capt. A. A. Higgins, Fred Stryker, Miss E. Wilkinson, Mrs. Mabel Tuchbrecht, Mrs. E. F. Funk, A. C. Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. K. W. Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Arnold, Mrs. W. Gunn, A. E. Taylor, Mrs. Adams, F. Penco, Messrs. M. S. de Toyser, P. S. v. de Padt, M. Mestrand, K. V. F. Elsing, Dr. Kittleston, R. S. Burke, Y. Buse, Ng Chu Ye, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Anthony, Scott, O'Connell, Emile Faundt, Carter, E. Wilson, Mrs. E. Austin, Mrs. Glen, Capt. and Mrs. Caldwell, Cecil Ansell, G. Mira, A. Mason, F. Fails.

Per s.s. Khiva from London etc. on the 5th inst.—St. Amory, Mrs W. Y. Roberts, H. L. Holloway, Mr and Mrs Bailey, H. L. Holloway, Lt Col A. B. and Miss Cottrell, Dr. D. Loughton, Dr. A. E. Malone, Dr. P. L. Gibson, Dr. J. D. Higgins, Dr. A. J. Tezer, Dr. G. F. Page, Eng. O. H. Hammond, Mrs. Britz, Mrs. Niekering, Mr and Mrs. Cornwell, Dr. S. Altan, Mr and Mrs. Cooper.

PASSENGERS DEPARTED.

Per s.s. Nore for London on the 4th inst.—A. Usher, F. W. Heath, Mrs. Roberts, Mr. D. and Mrs. Tompkins, P. S. Matthews, S. J. Hills, Mrs. E. J. Humphries, Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Rutter, Mrs. W. G. Worcester, Miss P. Keith, Mr and Mrs. E. J. Chapman, Mrs. M. C. Hoxsey, Mrs. A. M. Kelly, Mrs. W. G. Worcester, E. T. Walton, Mr and Mrs. J. W. Broxley, E. M. Tozer.

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WEATHER REPORT.

On the 5th at 11.35.—A feeble anticyclone is central between the Bonins and central Japan.

Depressions lie to the north of the Yangtze Valley and over Tongkai.

Moderate S. winds are indicated over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District	Forecast
Hongkong and Neighbourhood	E. winds, moderate; squally, cloudy, some rain.
Formosa Channel	S. W. or variable winds, squally.
South coast of China between H.K. and Lamook	The same as No. 1.
South coast of China between H.K. and Hainan	The same as No. 1.

China Coast Meteorological Register, 5th March, a.m.

Station	Hour	Barometer	Temperature	Humidity	Wind	Weather
Wootok	7a	29.85	32	0	f	
Namur	6a	30.01		sw	2	
Hakodate		30.09		ne	1	
Tokio		30.16		nw	2	
Kochi		30.15		sw	1	
Nagasaki		30.09		sw	4	
Kishima		30.13		0		
Ohshima		30.08		0		
Maha		30.07		sw	12	
Ishijima		29.99		sw	5	
Bonin Is.		30.14		0		
Chesoo						
Whalei		29.81	44	92	sw	4 c
Hankow						
Ichang						
Kiukiang		29.70	65	73	0	c
Shanghai		29.74	55	sw	2	c
Shanghai		29.84	56	sw	7	ov
Shanghai		29.84	56	sw	7	ov
Amoy	6a	29.92	63	83	sw	2
Swatow	6a	29.91	63	94	0	c
Taihou	5a	29.93		0		
Taihou		29.94		no	2	
Koshu		29.92		no	4	
P'dores		29.90		no	4	
Canton	6a	29.83	67	95	sw	2
H'kong	6a	29.84	66	97	sw	2
Gap Rock		29.85		sw	3	b
Macao		29.86	66	sw	1	f
Wuchow	9a	29.79	67	90	sw	4 c
Paoli						
Hohow		29.73	70	sw	6	ch
Tourane		29.82	72	sw	4	c
C. St. J.		29.79	75	sw	2	c
Apurri		29.82	71	sw	1	b
Manila		29.92	71	sw	2	b
Legaspi		29.90	75	sw	2	b
Iloilo	9a	29.90	82	sw	2	b
Bacolod		29.86	86	sw	2	c
Cebu		29.90	82	sw	2	c
Lubuan		29.90	82	sw	2	c

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